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1. RESULTS OF ALIGU TEST ADMINISTERED TO NDI TRADESMEN DUE IN WASHINGTON MAY 17 INDICATE PROBABLE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES. TEST RESULTS: QUOTE THE LEVEL OF ENGLISH IN BOTH CASES IS ONLY FAIR. NEITHER HAS WHAT MIGHT BE TERMED A FACILITY IN THE LANGUAGE.

(A) CORPORAL WIN MAUNG: COMPREHENSION 2, PRONUNCIATION 2, GRAMMAR AND WORD ORDER AN VOCABULARY 2, SPEED 2. HE CAN UNDERSTAND WHEN THE SPEAKER SPEAKS SLOWLY. APPARENTLY HAS VERY LIMITED OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE THE ENGLISH HE HAS LEARNED. TEST SCORE:18.

(B) CORPORAL TIN SHEIN: COMPREHENSION 2, PRONUNCIATION 1, GRAMMAR AND WORD ORDER 1, VOCABULARY 1, SPEED 1. HE IS BETTER ABLE TO FOLLOW WRITTEN ENGLISH THAN ORAL. SEEMS NOT TO HAVE HAD MUCH EXPOSURE TO THE LANGUAGE. TEST SCORE: 55. UNQUOTE

2. WE WOULD EXPECT THESE PERFORMANCES TO IMPROVE FAIRLY QUICKLY ONCE TRAINING BEGINS, BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THE TWO WILL NEED INTERPRETER OR OTHER SPECIAL HELP DURING FIRST PART OF TRAINUQG PROGRAM. OSBORN

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